## **Before the** FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

WC Docket No. 18-60

**Iowa Network Access Division** 

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY IN SUPPORT OF AT&T SERVICES, INC.'S MOTION TO AMEND PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.45(c), AT&T Services, Inc. ("AT&T") respectfully submits this Supplemental Reply in support of its Motion to Amend the Commission's March 26, 2018 Protective Order ("Protective Order").

With the benefit of the Direct Case and Rebuttal now in hand, it is clear that the reasons proffered by Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services ("Aureon") in its Opposition to AT&T's Motion to Amend are not accurate. The information Aureon produced is not "far broader than produced in the Complaint Proceeding," and it does not include "the information of third parties." Moreover, given that Aureon's submissions focus heavily on the arguments and material Mr. Rhinehart submitted in the formal complaint proceeding, denying Mr. Rhinehart the ability to review those submissions is not justified. Accordingly, the Commission should amend the *Protective Order* so that Mr. Rhinehart and other in-house experts can view Confidential Information in this proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Opposition of Iowa Network Services d/b/a Aureon Network Services to AT&T Services, Inc.'s Motion to Amend Protective Order and for Declaratory Ruling, *Iowa Network Access Division* Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, WC Docket No. 18-60, at 1, 3-4 (Apr. 30, 2018) ("Opp.").

First, Aureon did not produce information that "is far broader than the information provided in the Complaint Proceeding." Opp. at 3. In its Designation Order, the Commission directed Aureon to produce information sufficient to justify the purported COE and CWF "revenue requirements" in Annex 3.<sup>2</sup> Aureon used this request to justify its Opposition to AT&T's Motion to Amend, arguing that it was never required to provide such information in the complaint proceeding for its unregulated "Network Division." Opp. at 3. It further suggested that it would produce with its Direct Case highly sensitive "revenues, assets, capital costs, other expenses, and tax information related to [the Network Division's] fiber lease business. . . ." Id. Yet no such information was produced. Indeed, as discussed below, Aureon now concedes that information supporting its COE and CWF "revenue requirements" does not exist.

In its Direct Case, Aureon explains that [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Order Designating Issues for Investigation, *Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, WC Docket No. 18-60, ¶ 27 (Apr. 19, 2018) ("*Designation Order*").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Direct Case of Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon Network Services, *In the Matter of Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, WC Docket No. 18-60, at 43 (May 3, 2018) ("Direct Case").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> AT&T Services, Inc.'s Opposition to Direct Case of Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon Network Services, WC Docket No. 18-60, at 45-49 (May 10, 2018) ("AT&T Opposition to Direct Case").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

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[[END CONFIDENTIAL]] Accordingly, the Commission should reject this
rationale in its consideration of AT&T's Motion to Amend.
Second, Aureon's submission does not contain "confidential information of third parties"
that it was not required to produce in the complaint proceeding. Opp. at 4. Aureon argued that it
would be producing "historic traffic data at a very granular level" that would "enable AT&T and
other long-distance carriers to assess, in greater detail, their own respective market shares of
Aureon's overall traffic over time." Id. This contention is also false. In connection with Jeff
Schill's declaration, Aureon submitted [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Consolidated Rebuttal of Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon Network Services, *In the Matter of Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, WC Docket No. 18-60, at 40 (May 17, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> AT&T Opposition at 70-71.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See AT&T Exhibits 70 through 72 to AT&T's Formal Complaint submission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Direct Case, Declaration of Jeff Schill, Attachments 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See AT&T Opposition, Exhibit 23 (native excel, including hidden rows).

[[END CONFIDENTIAL]] Because Aureon did

not submit any third party data, the Commission should also reject this rationale.

Third, there is no justifiable basis to prevent Mr. Rhinehart from accessing the Confidential Information Aureon submitted in its Direct Case and Rebuttal. As noted above, the material Aureon submitted is not more expansive than the information it submitted in the formal complaint proceeding (which Mr. Rhinehart had full access to), nor does it contain third-party information. Rather, Aureon has submitted the same type of data (for 2018) that it submitted in the formal complaint proceeding (for 2006 through 2017). Moreover, Aureon's submissions focus heavily on the arguments and materials Mr. Rhinehart submitted in this proceeding and in the formal complaint proceeding, but Aureon has designated those sections almost entirely as "Confidential," thereby preventing Mr. Rhinehart from fully viewing Aureon's responses.

In light of the above, and as AT&T explained in its Reply, Aureon is seeking to use the *Protective Order* improperly as a sword to gain a strategic advantage, and not solely as a shield to keep legitimately sensitive information from the public and/or competitive decision-makers. Aureon's position here is inconsistent with the position it took in the formal complaint proceeding, which involved the same type of data the Commission requested in connection with this tariff investigation. To restrict Mr. Rhinehart and other internal consultants from accessing what are effectively "updates" to the same type of material Aureon provided in the complaint proceeding makes no sense and should not be countenanced.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

For these reasons and the reasons set forth in AT&T's Motion to Amend, as well as its Reply, the Commission should grant AT&T's motion to amend the protective order. At a minimum, Aureon should be required to specifically identify the material it has submitted in this proceeding that is different and more sensitive that the material Mr. Rhinehart has already been permitted to review. As to the remaining material designated "Confidential" (including Aureon's responses to the points made by Mr. Rhinehart in his declaration in this proceeding), Mr. Rhinehart should be permitted to review all such material and thereby permit AT&T to present a complete record for the Commission's consideration.

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